

REMARKS

The above amendments and the following remarks are fully and completely responsive to the Patent Office paper dated April 18, 2005.

Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended. No new matter is added.

The Patent Office paper asserts that the 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, rejection in the October 4, 2004, Office Action was not fully addressed by Applicants' January 4, 2005, Amendment. Applicants respectfully submit that, with the above amendments to claims 1 and 9, and with the enclosure of Giampiero Basile's Declaration filed December 5, 2000, in related application 09/081,294, all elements of the October 4, 2004, Office Action have been addressed.

In view of the foregoing in conjunction with the January 4, 2005, Amendment, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of claims 1-10 and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Application Serial No.: 10/790,687
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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 108910-00123.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Giampiero Basile's Declaration filed in related application 09/081,294

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